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Governor's Anti-Gang Initiative Provides Funds for Job Training and Education Programs

State Issues Solicitation for Proposal to Implement Intervention and Prevention Strategies

SACRAMENTO – As part of Governor Schwarzenegger's initiative to combat gang violence, the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency today announced that \$2.8 million is available for local government and community organizations to provide job training and education programs targeting youth who are gang members or at risk of joining a gang.

"California is grappling with gang violence across the state, and no one is immune from the impact gangs can have on a community," said Victoria Bradshaw, Secretary of the Labor and Workforce Development Agency. "This grant program will help troubled youths turn their lives around and help them become productive members of their communities."

In May 2007, the Governor announced the California Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention (CalGRIP) initiative to combat gang violence in California. The initiative targeted \$31 million in state and federal funding for local anti-gang efforts, including job training, education and intervention programs.

"Job training may be the single best long-term antidote to gang violence. This grant program sets the direction that all state and local agencies should consider emulating," said Paul Seave, director of the Governor's Gang and Youth Violence Policy Office.

The state Employment Development Department (EDD), in coordination with the California Workforce Investment Board, released a CalGRIP Solicitation for Proposal (SFP) to implement intervention and prevention strategies, with a particular focus on providing a holistic approach to help youth prepare for work in high-growth and in-demand industries. Up to \$2.8 million in discretionary Workforce Investment Act funds is available.

Proposals must be received by EDD no later than 3 p.m. January 4, 2008. Further information regarding this SFP, eligibility, and criteria for selection can be found on EDD's Web site at www.edd.ca.gov/wiarep/wiaspind.htm.

For additional information on the CalGRIP initiative, please visit the Governor's Web site at <http://gov.ca.gov/issue/anti-gangs>.

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